



**MINUTES**  
-- OF THE --  
**SIXTY-FIRST ANNUAL SESSION**  
OF THE

**Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association.**

HELD WITH  
**Sulphur Springs Church,**  
SCOTT CO., MISS.  
SEPTEMBER 17, 18 AND 19, 1898.



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## Report

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**Report of the Committee on State of Religion and Fraternal  
Correspondence with the Churches.**

DEAR BRETHREN: God's mercies are still abounding to us, and our dear Association, and to the churches composing it. We are now in Session for the Sixty-first time, and with the Sulphur Springs Church, Scott Co., Miss. Our reception and support has been hearty and abundant. Indeed the church and community have been intensely in earnest to assure us of our welcome, and too, we have again been favored with fine weather. We have had word from all our churches but two. They are represented as in peace and usual prosperity. All have had preaching during the year, and we are assured that the baptisms will nearly equal last year. Take all together, we have great reason for thankfulness as we survey the work of the closing year and see the progress made. So much so that we thank God and take courage. In the midst of prosperity though, we have been plunged into sorrow. We mourn the death of our esteemed and ever useful brother, Elder T. I. Wells, whose death occurred in the month of June last at his own home. Pious, able and faithful, he is greatly missed among the churches of the Association. As one after another of our useful men pass away, the language of God's providence is, "Therefore be ye also ready." Our work is great, our responsibility heavy. Each member has talents from five to one. Do we employ those talents? Let us bear in mind the doom of him who did not. Our pastors are teachers; but they are also watchmen. Hear the Master, "What I say unto you I say unto all, watch." The churches of Christ have always had enemies, they have them now. These enemies are the world, the flesh and the devil. Peter says, "Your adversary the devil as a roaring lion walketh about seeking whom he may devour. In this country Satan cannot openly persecute; hence he will seek to deceive and corrupt the churches as he did Eve. Beloved brethren, it is useless to deny the fact that there are dangerous innovations in many of the Baptist churches in America, north and south. Writers at the north mourn over them. Women in the ministry is unscriptural and demoralizing; and yet the churches seem to be powerless. Further, young people's organizations are weakening and injurious. And too, young men's christian associations are drawing the vitality out of the churches. In the main we are clear of these things in our churches of the south; let us stay clear. Let us be strict in discipline, sound in doctrine. Let us not overlook the poor of our country but see that they have the gospel preached to them. Let us labor to give the gospel to the perishing nations of the earth. Many and wide fields are white unto the harvest. Let us enter in and reap. Other fields large and wide are to be cleared, seeded and cultivated that promise a rich and abundant yield. There remaineth much land to be possessed. Let us work while it is day; for the night cometh when no man can work. O, let us be true to God and His cause.

A. J. MYERS,

J. H. SATTERFIELD,

J. M. MOORE,

N. L. CLARKE, Chairman.

J. A. WHITE,

B. W. RAINER,

THOS. KEITH,

JOE RUSHING,



## Proceedings of Mount Pisgah Baptist Association in Annual Session for 1898.

SULPHUR SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, )  
Scott Co., Miss., Sept. 17, 1898. )

In accordance with previous arrangements made by the Mt. Pisgah Association in her annual meeting in 1897, Elder J. J. Ingram preached the introductory sermon from Daniel 2nd chapter and 44th verse. Theme, "Setting up of the kingdom of Jesus Christ." The sermon was one of his best, and was excellent, and earnestly delivered. The congregation was good and received it with much interest.

After the sermon about an hour or so was spent in partaking of refreshments, which were furnished by the church and community, and were abundant in quantity and most excellent in quality.

### AFTERNOON—SATURDAY.

After singing an appropriate hymn, prayer was offered, led by Eld. R. K. Cleveland.

The Association was then convened in her 61st annual session by the venerable moderator N. L. Clarke.

The following named brethren were appointed to read letters from the churches: Hon. Thos. Keith, Elds. J. M. Moore and J. O. Crawford.

On motion and second, Brethren A. J. Small, M. L. Hand and J. K. Jordan were appointed as a committee on finance.

Eld. W. P. Vaughn was appointed to preach at the stand, which he did at due time.

Letters from the churches were called for and read, and delegates names enrolled. All were represented in some way except two, Concord, Jasper county and Bethel, Neshoba county, from whom no word was received in any way.

By unanimous consent the Body agreed to re-officer by acclamation.

All the old officers were reelected. Eld. N. L. Clarke Moderator, Jas. E. Chapman Clerk, Hon. J. E. Graham Treasurer.

Petitionary letters were called for, when De Cedar church, Jasper county, Stamper, Newton county, Golden Grove (Choctaw), Neshoba county, all new churches, presented letters, and were received in due order, the moderator extending the right hand of fellowship. The Beulah

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church of Scott county, presented a letter of dismissal from the Mount Olivett Association and was received.

Correspondence from sister Associations were then called for when Brother J. E. Breland was received as a messenger from the Oktibbeha Association, the hand of welcome extended by the moderator.

The usual committees were appointed by the moderator, viz:

**PREACHING**—J. E. Graham, T. B. Pace with pastor and deacons of Sulphur Springs church.

**MISSIONS**—J. M. Moore, J. A. Johnston, E. N. Robinson, T. J. Tidwell, F. M. Reynolds.

**SUNDAY SCHOOLS**—R. K. Cleveland, W. B. Sansing, S. A. Gordon, R. R. Freeman.

**TEMPERANCE**—J. E. Chapman, H. O. Horne, D. M. Strowd, W. B. Hammond.

**QUERIES AND REQUESTS**—W. P. Vaughn, M. J. Taylor, T. D. Hardy, T. J. Rhodes, C. C. Simmons, T. L. Gaines, Joe Rushing. On motion Elders J. M. Moore, and J. W. Arnold were added.

**PUBLICATIONS**—H. O. White, W. H. Willis, J. O. Crawford, J. N. Nichols, R. L. Simmons.

**NOMINATIONS**—J. J. Ingram, R. L. Simmons, J. T. May, A. J. Small, M. L. Hand.

**STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES**—J. H. Satterfield, J. A. White, B. W. Rainer, J. M. Moore, Thos. Keith, Joe Rushing, A. J. Myers. On motion, the Moderator was added and made chairman.

**EDUCATION**—F. M. Reynolds, J. K. Jordon, T. J. McMullan.

On motion, a special committee on obituaries were appointed: J. E. Chapman, Thos. Keith, W. P. Vaughn, J. M. Moore, G. G. Rainer.

The Association agreed to take up a collection at the close of the 11 o'clock services on Sunday for missions.

The preaching committee submitted the following report: Elder N. L. Clarke to preach at 10 o'clock on Sunday as per appointment of last Association. Elder J. O. Crawford in the evening. Elder R. K. Cleveland to conduct prayer meeting exercises at 10 o'clock Sunday morning. Elder T. J. Rhodes Sunday night at the church. Elder H. O. White at 11 o'clock on Monday.

J. E. GRAHAM, Chairman.

On motion, adjourned to meet Monday morning at 9 o'clock.

#### LORD'S DAY SERVICES.

At the appointed hour Sunday morning Elder R. K.

Cleveland conducted the prayer meeting exercises in the usual manner, a number of brethren leading in prayer.

At 11 o'clock Elder N. L. Clarke preached the sermon on missions to a very large and interesting audience. Text: Matthew 27th, 19, 20. Theme: "The commission of Christ to his Church." It was one among the venerable preacher's best and was appreciated very highly by the brotherhood generally. It was both interesting and entertaining, and we feel great good will grow out of such preaching. At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for missions amounting to: Home missions \$5.10, foreign \$9.65, Indian \$9.25, total \$24.00.

#### EVENING.

At about 2:30 o'clock Elder J. O. Crawford preached from Matthew 6, 9-15. Although he labored under unusually hard circumstances, the sermon was one filled with many important truths which need to be enforced at all times. The attendance was large being estimated at 1500 to 2000 persons.

#### MONDAY MORNING, 9 O'CLOCK.

The Association met in accordance of adjournment, and was opened by prayer, Elder J. H. Satterfield leading in prayer.

Renewed the call for letters and delegates of churches not heard from—none.

The roll was called and absentees excused.

The Moderator directed the Clerk to read the Objects and Powers and Rules of Decorum of the Association which he did.

Renewed call for correspondents from other associations—none present.

Visiting members were then invited to seats.

On motion, all speeches be limited to five minutes except on the report on missions.

The following named Brethren were appointed messengers to Sister Associations:

HARMONY—J. J. Ingram, J. W. Arnold, H. O. Horne.

SALEM—J. O. Crawford, E. G. Skinner.

NEW LIBERTY—T. M. Gould, J. M. Crawford.

SPRINGFIELD—Joe Rushing, T. M. Gould.

PEARL VALLEY—F. M. Breland, J. J. Ingram.

OKTIBBEHA—J. M. Moore, R. K. Cleveland.

LIBERTY—Wm. Yarbrough, Jas. E. Chapman.

SCOTT COUNTY—T. J. Rhodes, A. J. Myers.

On motion, correspondence be opened with the Scott County Association.

Resolved, That all messengers be authorized to write

their own letters as correspondents, signing the moderator's and clerk's names to the same.

**Resolved.** That our messengers to the Pearl Valley Association be instructed to solicit that Association to co-operate with the General Association in her mission work and appoint delegates to the same.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

**PUBLICATIONS**—Report read by H. O. White. Discussed by H. O. White, J. M. Moore, T. M. Gould and N. L. Clarke. Adopted. Appendix A.

**QUERIES AND REQUESTS**—Report read by J. M. Moore. Adopted without discussion. Appendix B.

**MISSIONS**—Report was read by J. A. Johnston. Discussed by J. A. Johnston, T. J. Rhodes, H. O. Horne, J. W. Arnold, N. L. Clarke and T. L. Moore. Unanimously adopted. Appendix C.

At 11 o'clock H. O. White retired to the stand and preached, according to appointment.

**EDUCATION**—Report was read by F. M. Reynolds. Report was discussed by W. P. Vaughn, J. E. Chapman, J. W. Arnold and others.

On motion of Thos. Keith, the report was divided into two sections. That part referring to Elder J. A. Johnston's going to school was acted on separately. The whole report adopted by adding J. A. Johnston's P. O. Appendix D.

The Body adjourned one hour for refreshments.

#### MONDAY—EVENING.

After dinner, which was abundant, business was resumed. Reports of committees continued.

**TEMPERANCE**—The report was read by J. E. Chapman. After a warm and enthusiastic speech by Elder T. L. Moore the report was adopted. Appendix E.

**OBITUARIES**—Report read by the chairman. An appropriate eulogy was delivered by W. P. Vaughn and report adopted. Appendix F.

**NOMINATIONS**—The report was read by J. J. Ingram and adopted. Appendix G.

**STATE OF RELIGION AND FRATERNAL CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE CHURCHES**—Report was read by Elder N. L. Clarke, Elder J. M. Moore occupying the chair. On motion, the report was adopted. First page.

**SABBATH SCHOOLS**—Report read by R. K. Cleveland. Remarks by R. L. Simmons. Adopted. Appendix H.

**FINANCE**—Report read by A. J. Small. Adopted. Appendix I.

The following named brethren were appointed as delegates to represent this Association in the General Association



of Miss. T. C. Viverett, R. L. Simmons, D. T. Chapman, Jas. E. Chapman, T. J. Rhodes, J. O. Crawford, T. M. Gould, E. G. Skinner, W. H. Willis, J. W. Arnold, J. A. Johnston, H. O. White, L. B. Fancher, W. P. Vaughn, N. L. Clarke, Thomas Keith, Eugene Sansing, M. L. Hand, H. O. Horne.

#### RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved 1st. That the clerk have Abstract of Faith, Gospel Order and Rules of Decorum published in the minutes, and this resolution be made permanent for the future.

2nd. That the pastors and delegates of this Association be requested to bring the subject of missions before their churches and urge them to represent themselves by delegates and funds in the General Association.

3rd. That the clerk be instructed to have the minutes of this meeting printed where he can get them the most neatly and promptly done, paying for the same when so done and he approves the work, and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary (\$20.00), printer's fee and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for correspondence.

4th. All funds remaining in the hands of the Treasurer, after all expenses have been met, shall be sent up to the General Association for Missions.

5th. That it is the sense of this body, that in the future it will be expedient to discontinue the custom of having dinner on the grounds on Lord's day during the sitting of this Association. This however leaves it optionary with the churches to do as they think best; they can have dinner or not as suits them.

6. That we most heartily tender our thanks to the Sulphur Springs Church, and surrounding community at large for their kind and generous entertainment of this Association during this session.

7th. That we now adjourn to meet with Decatur Church, Newton County, Miss., on Saturday before the 3rd Lord's day in September 1899.

Elder Wm. Yarbrough is to preach the next introductory sermon with J. O. Crawford alternate, Jas. E. Chapman the sermon on Missions with Elder R. K. Cleveland alternate.

While singing "Amazing grace how sweet the sound," the parting hand was given in tenderness. Closing prayer by J. E. Chapman. Thus closing a pleasant session of the Body.

J. E. CHAPMAN, Clerk. N. L. CLARKE, Moderator.

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## APPENDICES.

### PUBLICATIONS--A.

We, your committee on Publications, submit the following report: First we would recommend the Mississippi Baptist, published at Newton, Miss., and edited by our able and much esteemed brother, Elder N. L. Clarke, as being worthy of our patronage and support. We need it as a medium of communication and information. Let us take it brethren, pay, pray and work for it. There are also other religious journals published in and out of our State worthy of our support. For information in reference to foreign missions, we would recommend the Foreign Mission Journal, published at Richmond, Va. For Sabbath schools we would recommend the literature published by the Southern Baptist Convention at Nashville, Tenn. Brethren, we realize more and more the importance of giving our children good and sound literature to read. There is much of the literature of this day and time, even religious literature, that is calculated to poison the minds of the young and lead them away from the truth. It behooves us to see to, and be careful what they read. H. O. WHITE, Chairman.

### QUERIES AND REQUESTS--B.

Your committee on Queries and Requests submit the following: We find twelve requests for the next meeting of this body. We recommend that the next session of this body be held with the Decatur Church, Newton county, Miss. We find one query from Ephesus Church, Scott county, viz: Is there any scripture for Theological Seminaries, and Minister's Institutes? In answer would reply, that the prophets, Samuel, Elijah and Elisha, conducted schools of the prophets, and their disciples were called sons of the prophets. See 1 Sam. 19:18, 2 Kings 2:35, 2 Kings 4:38. We find also that Christ the great teacher called his disciples to him and instructed them in divine things for three years and then at the close of His earthly ministry, He commanded them "To go teach all nations." We find also that Paul took both Timothy and Titus, and instructed them in the things pertaining to the kingdom of God. In 2 Timothy 2:2 He gives them this solemn charge, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses the same commit thou to faithful men who shall be able to teach others also." In Acts 13:1 we are told "There were in the church at Antioch certain prophets and teachers, &c." Ephesus 4:11-13 we are taught that "He gave some apostles and some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God unto a perfect man, &c." Knowledge is one of the important graces to be added to our faith, 2 Peter 1:5. We are also exhorted to grow in grace, and in knowledge &c., 2 Peter 3:18. Paul enjoins Timothy to study to show himself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth etc. We submit the above scriptures relating to the Query to the consideration of those interested on the subject, and as we hold that Baptists are free and independent bodies, accountable to Christ and him alone, for their faith and practice, we do not presume to dictate to them on this subject. And we earnestly recommend the adoption of this report without discussion on the reply to the query.

Submitted,

W. P. VAUGHN, Chairman.

### MISSIONS--C.

Your committee on Missions submit the following: Whereas, the Lord Jesus commanded his disciples "To go into all the world and

preach the gospel to every creature" we feel it is just as binding on us as it was on them in the beginning, and we ought to be loyal to his command. We must obey in this as well as to repent, believe and be baptized, or to keep any other of his commandments. He gives us this test, "Why call me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?" Yet a great many of our people seem to think that they can render acceptable obedience to God and leave off this duty. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth. But how can they believe on him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent? As faith comes by hearing, it is necessary that they hear, for without faith it is impossible to please God. We would therefore recommend that our people be aroused to a double diligence of their duty in giving to the cause of Missions. The Lord opens the doors of the heathen world to us and tells us to enter and occupy till he comes. We believe that the "Isles of the Sea" are now open to us, and our Master would have us to do all we can to give the gospel to them. We would urge our pastors to bring these things prominently before their churches. We believe that our Choctaw work is very pressing just at this time, and delay is dangerous, as they are in danger of being led off into Roman Catholicism and we regard Romanism a great deal worse than paganism. Submitted,

J. M. MOORE, Chairman.

#### EDUCATION--D.

We, your committee on Education, would submit the following report: We believe that the question of education has not been given that consideration by the masses of our people that it should have. We should educate our sons and daughters so that they will be well qualified to fill any and all positions to which they may be called at any time in this life. As the teacher always wields a great influence over his pupils, we should see to it that he teaches aright by example as well as by precept. We should not only select moral teachers, but it is always better to get God honoring and God fearing teachers where it is possible to do so. We are taught in the scriptures to bring our children up in the fear and admonition of the Lord. How can we do that and select worldly minded teachers? We should give them the best educational advantages possible, as it makes them so much more useful in this life. We would urge our people, the patrons of the free schools of our country, to be more earnest and punctual in supporting them. We would recommend Mississippi College at Clinton, Miss., for our boys, and Stone College at Meridian for our girls. There are other good schools also throughout our country that are worthy of our support. We also find Elder J. A. Johnston, a young minister in our Association, very desirous of obtaining an education, and your committee would urge the churches composing this Association to give him such financial aid as they may be able. Address J. A. Johnston, Waldo, Miss.

Submitted,

F. M. REYNOLDS, Chairman.

#### TEMPERANCE--E.

We submit the following: While much has been said and done to advance the cause of Temperance, the enemy is still lurking in many forms in different portions of our country, and it behooves us to be ever on the alert, in order that we may not only maintain the ground gained but that the enemy may be driven out of the last ditch in which he is entrenched. The idea of a Baptist patronizing "blind tigers" either by buying it themselves, or drinking it after others have bought it of them is to be condemned in the strongest terms. When one of Satan's tools sells to any one he says by that act that he expects him to, and depends upon that man's perjuring himself if he should be called before the courts to testify; otherwise he would not let him

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have it. Our laws are good on this question, and if our people would give their aid to, and demand that our civil officers should execute them, we would hear less of the cry that "prohibition does not prohibit." How shameful it is to see those flaming whiskey advertisements hanging along our highways. O how sad to think that our boys are to be brought up with such temptations constantly before them to lure them to ruin. How is it possible for a christian to encourage a thing fraught with so much evil. It curses every one that is brought either directly or indirectly under its influence. We would continue to urge our ministers to preach against it, and that our churches exercise discipline against those who patronize or engage in any way in its support.

JAS. E. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

#### OBITUARIES--F.

We, your Special Committee on Obituaries, submit the following: We find that our Association has sustained a loss of about 29 during the past year. Among the number was our much esteemed brother, Elder T. I. Wells, of Moore's Mill, Miss. He was born Aug. 16 1848, in Lauderdale county, Miss. He came to Newton county with his father, J. H. Wells, in 1867. He was married to Miss Sallie J. Alexander Dec. 27, 1867. He was baptized into the fellowship of Beulah church about the year 1874. He was licensed to preach by the Beulah church but was ordained by the Oakland church the same day it was constituted, he being in the constitution of said Oakland church, the 1st day of May, 1880. He was called to the pastorate of Oakland, and served her until his death, which sad event took place June 25th, 1898. Bro. Wells was an able minister of the gospel and was very closely identified with our Association, and was highly esteemed as well as greatly beloved among us. His death is greatly felt and his presence greatly missed among us. Bro. Wells was a great friend to, and much beloved by the Choctaws. He did a great deal to help our mission work among them both with his presence and means. We will grasp his hand no more, nor listen again to his wise counsel on earth, but we hope to meet in the happy beyond.

We would also mention Deacons H. W. Laird, of Hebron; J. S. Guice, of Mt. Sinai; W. R. Summerlin, of Good Hope, Newton county, and Bro. Cater Crosby, of Mount Vernon.

A goodly number of our sisters also have been called home to heaven, among them sisters M. L. Hardy, of Bethel, the wife of Jno. D. Hardy, our former treasurer; Margaret Cheek, of Bethel; Mittie Smith, of Good Hope; Mamie Lindley, of New Providence; Lou Lewis, of Mt Pleasant; Delia Gressett, of Oakland, and others all of whom died in the faith and are now awaiting the resurrection morn.

JAS. E. CHAPMAN, Chairman.

#### NOMINATIONS--G.

We, your committee, submit the following report: That Elder Wm. Yarbrough preach the next introductory sermon, with Elder J. O. Crawford as alternate. Jas E. Chapman the Annual Sermon on Missions, with Elder R. K. Cleveland as his alternate. Submitted,

J. J. INGRAM, Chairman.

#### SABBATH SCHOOLS--H.

Your committee on Sabbath Schools submit the following report: We find that we are enjoined in the scriptures, to raise our children up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord, with the assurance that when they are old they will not depart from him. We are also taught that Timothy from a child had known the holy Scriptures which were able to make him wise unto salvation. With these proclamations coming from divine truth, we infer that the child is to be taught God's word. As children grow to maturity they must have spiritual food, and it must be furnished from the scriptures. Hence we conclude that great good

can be done in a well organized Sunday school. We would earnestly admonish our people to organize Sunday Schools under the supervision of the churches, and would recommend the use of the Bible, not allowing anything to supplant it, but that it might be supplemented, by some literature sound in doctrine, such as our own Southern Baptist literature published at Nashville, Tenn.

Respectfully Submitted,

R. K. CLEVELAND, Chairman.

### FINANCE--I.

We, your committee, would report as follows: We have examined the Treasurer's report, and find that he received at the last meeting of the Association, including amount on hand at that time for all purposes \$141.28. Amount received at fifth Sunday meeting \$5.20. Total \$146.48. Disbursements 145.50.

Amounts sent to this meeting:

Associational purposes	
Home Missions	\$95.00
Indian Missions	16.95
Foreign Missions	2.00
On hand	1.00
Sunday collections:	.98
Home Missions	
Foreign Missions	5 10
Indian Missions	9.65
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$140.03</b>

Respectfully Submitted,

A. J. SMALL, Chairman.

### *Ordained Ministers and their Postoffices.*

N. L. Clarke	Newton	F. M. Breland	Dixon
R. K. Cleveland	Union	W. P. Vaughn	Chunkey
J. O. Crawford	Garlandville	J. W. Arnold	Stamper
Jas. E. Chapman	Newton	J. J. Ingram	Dixon
L. B. Fancher	House	J. M. Moore	Beech Springs
H. Bruce	Keenaw	H. O. White	Riversville
E. N. Robinson	Lawrence	T. M. Gould	Lake
W. J. Bruner	Newton	Wm Yarbrough	Newton
D. M. Stroud	Lake	Joe Rushing	Harpersville
J. H. Satterfield	Chunkey	J. A. Johnston	Waldo
W. H. Rainer	Moore's Mill	T. J. Rhodes	Newton
J. C. Foster	Lake		

### *Licentiates and their Postoffices.*

S. D. Chesney	House	C. C. White	Hope
W. H. Willis	Prospect	W. L. Collins	Union
Jesse Nelsen	Dormanton	W. G. Everett	Hickory
B. W. Rainer	Moore's Mill	A. J. Myers	Lake
W. B. Hammond	Lawrence	J. C. Rushing	Harperville
G. G. Rainer	Chunkey		

## ABSTRACT OF FAITH--PREAMBLE.

We, the churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of a combination of churches, and of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity; in consequence of which, we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the scriptural doctrine of the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love, that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the World, that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one mediator between God and man—the man Christ Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the gospel is made effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith, and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state, and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment, and that the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

## GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe that a visible church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to the Lord, and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teachings of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His Church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.



6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is a duty and privilege of all believers to make a public profession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that is immoral in conduct, or that holds doctrine contrary to the Scriptures.

#### OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION.

1. This Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body, and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and, therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them if possible; to give the churches the best advice they can in difficult matters, when solicited, and, in general to advance the interest of the Redeemer's Kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we declare it to be the inalienable right of every association, of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their own conscience; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby this right is called in question shall be instantly ruled out by the Moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence when convenient with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the gospel in good standing, though not delegates may be invited to seats in the Association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they may deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of their proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all monies which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association may form their own By-Laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

#### RULES OF DECORUM.

1. This Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectfully belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no members under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the Association.

3. They shall produce letters certifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer,

who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those offices.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and, if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the Moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more until her number shall exceed one hundred—three until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty, then four and no more.

7. The Association shall neither answer or debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the meaning of the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded, shall be reduced to writing if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association except withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. Motions made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contain two or more points it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at the same time who shall arise from his seat and address the Moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the Association, or any member thereof and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then without leave of the Association.

13. The Moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The Moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken to the whole body, which shall be decided without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the Moderator shall vote as other members when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the Association, and if not then decided, the Moderator shall proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the Moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk, and called over whenever necessary.

20. The minutes shall be read and carefully corrected, if necessary, and signed by the Moderator and Clerk, before the Association rise.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened by prayer.

23. The Rules of Order shall be distinctly read by order from the Moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subject to alteration or amendment at any regular meeting of the Association by a majority of the Association.

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Bethel	Newton	Newton	Jas E Chapman, T D Hardy, R L Simmons	8			3	2	47	62	109	25	2 50 3	1	Jas E Chapman			
Bethel*	Neshoba	House	Not represented					12	18	30	10		4		L B Fancher			
Bethany	Neshoba	Franks	C T White	2	15			9	11	20	12	1 00 3	1	J A Johnston				
Beulah	Newton	Roscoe	H O White, J E Graham, J W Williams	31	1 4	6	1	80	127	3	210	50	4 00 4	1	H O White			
Beulah	Scott	Lilian	By Letter					1	5		6	5			Joe Rushing			
County Line	Neshoba	Union	A A Winstead, W B Sausing	8	10	2	4	1 2	31	49	80	25	2 50 4	1	G W Breland			
Concord*	Jasper	Garl'dsville	Not represented								22	6			J L Halford			
Cross Roads	Newton	Keenan	M F Mann, Willie Ware	1		1	7	1	27	31	58	20	2 00 4		J M Moore			
Center Ridge	Newton	Moore's Mill	F M Reynolds, J S Wells	4	2			1	18	24	4	15	1 50 3		B W Rainer			
Chunkey	Newton	Chunkey	J B Lewis	1	2		2		18	27	45	10	60 4		C C Vaughn			
Decatur	Newton	Decatur	T L Gaines, Thos Keith, J K Jordan	6	2		6	13	2	59	82	2	143 60	5	00 2	N L Clarke		
De Cedar	Jasper	Newton	H J Johnson, J B Roberts	17	2			11	16		27	10	1 00 1		T C Rhodes			
Engn	Neshoba	Engine	G W Watson, Watson Rhodes			1		2	3	11	29		40 15	1	50 3	G W Breland		
Ebenezer	Neshoba	B'ch Springs	E L Walton, A G Graham	2		1			1	9			18 15	2	85 3	J M Moore		
Ebenezer	Newton	Lawrence	E N Robinson, E M Nelson	14	4	1	1		22	51	73	20	2 00 3	1	W J Bruner			
Ephesus	Scott	Forest	B A Myers, A J Myers	6	3	1	3	1	23	36	56	15	1 50 1	1	Joe Rushing			
Good Hope	Newton	Hickory	S S Tisdale	1	1	1	2	2	16	17	33	15	1 50 2	1	W P Vaughn			
Good Hope	Scott	Lake	D M Strowd, G G Gould		5		3	6	11	18	29	10	1 00 2	1	D M Stroud			
Hickory	Newton	Hickory	J A White, T J Tidwell			1	3		29	36	65	25	2 50 3		J R Farish			
Hebron	Newton	Riversville	M J Taylor, C Motley	7	1			1	24	24	48	20	2 00 2		L B Fancher			
Lake	Scott	Lake	T M Gould, C C Simmons		5				9	17	26	10	1 00 2	2	Jas E Chapman			
Mt Sinai	Neshoba	Dixon	F M Breland, J Ingram, B F Lewis	15	5		2	1	57	81	138	50	5 20 3	1	F M Breland			
Midway	Newton	Newton	E J Jones, R R Freeman	1			2	1	12	20	32	20	1 25 3		Wm Yarbrough			
Mt Vernon	Newton	Hickory	J O Crawford, E G Skinner	3	3			1	37	48	8	20	2 00 1	1	J O Crawford			
Mt Pleasant	Newton	Chunkey	G G Rainer				3	1	26	52	78	25	1 50	1	B W Rainer			
New Prospect	Newton	Prospect	W H Willis, W L Pace			1		1	25	27	52	15	1 50 2	1	J A Johnston			
New Hope	Neshoba	Centralia	G G Chipman, J D Herrington, E L Gross	25	8		1	1	56	65	121	40	4 15 3		J J Ingram			
New Hope	Scott	Lake	By Letter				4		27	26	53	12	1 2 4		Jas E Chapman			
Newton	Newton	Newton	N L Clarke, M L Hand					1	26	37	63	25	2 00 4	1	N L Clarke			
New Pr'dence	Newton	Chunkey	W P Vaughn, J H Satterfield	1				1	14	16	30	10	1 00 3	2	W P Vaughn			
New Ireland	Newton	Union	Nathan Gulley, Andrew Slaton						24	22	46	15	1 50 2		J M Moore			
Oakland	Newton	Moore's Mill	B W Rainer, W H Rainer				2	2	22	29	51	20	2 00 1	1	T L Moore			
Old Union	Scott	Steele	J T Sharp, Joe Rushing		1		5		7	20	27	15	1 50 1	1	J W Arnold			

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Pleasant Hill	Newton	Conehatta	A J Small, W N Covington, T R Pace		1		13	2	1	47	69		116 30	3 00 1					Ja s E Chapman
Pinkney	Newton	Stamper	J W Arnold, S A Gordon, W J Brainer				13	1		15	17		32 15	1 50 4					1 H Bruce
Poplar Sp'gs	Newton	Newton	T J Rhodes, L F Simmons, Wm Yarbrough				14	1		47	109		156 35	3 50 2					3 Wm Yarbrough
Fair' Concord	Newton	Newton	W B Hammond, W A Fore	2	1	1	14	1		47	109		156 35	3 50 2					W J Brainer
Pine Bluff	Newton	Newton	S M Stephens, J T May		5		8	1		9	15		24 10	1 00 2					Wm Yarbrough
Pine Ridge	Newton	Lake	N H Monroe, J J Miles	2	13		3			28	35		63 25	2 50 1					E W Sumrall
Poplar	Newton	Cooksey	C M Addie, J W Reeves	3	3	1		1		12	34		46 10	1 00 2					J W Arnold
Randal Hill	Jasper	Baxter	Samuel Wedgeworth	3	5					16	21		37 20	2 00 2					Wm Yarbrough
Rock Branch	Newton	Union	R K Cleveland, W L Collins	3	1		2	1	2	13	21	1	35 10	1 25 4					J W Arnold
Salem	Scott	Gail	J D Rape, J N Nichols	6	2		1			29	41		70 20	2 00 3					Wm Yarbrough
Sulphur Sp'gs	Scott	Hays	H J Connell, R H Amis		1					14	22		36 15	1 50 3					1 R K Cleveland
Sand Springs	Newton	Hickory	Verbally		3				2	26	34	3	63 25	2 50 3					J H Grundy
Sardis	Scott	Sebastopol	G W Brantley, S M Warren	4	5	1	3	2	1	34	34		68 20	2 00 1					J W Arnold
Stamper	Newton	Stamper	H O Horne, J T McMullan	7	12		1			28	38		66 15	1 50 1					H Bruce
Union	Newton	Union	J M Moore, R E James	5	4					9	14		23 15	1 50 2					J A Johnston
Union	Scott	Harperville	N E Burnham, J M Townsend				2		1	26	21		47 15	2 50 1					R K Cleveland
Golden Grove	Neshoba		Seaborn Smith	1	5		1			20	30		50 20	2 50 2					1 J M Moore
Woodland	Neshoba	Waldo	J A Johnston							10	12		7 2	1 00					W S Ford
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NOTE--New Prospect sent \$5 10 for Foreign Missions. Salem, Home Missions, 7.00. Woodland, Domestic Missions, \$1.00; Foreign, \$1.00; Indian, \$2.00.

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